Perhaps no other recreational activity is enjoyed more widely in Missouri than fishing. Some of the best "fishing holes" in the state are at private fee fishing ranches.

These getaways are different from state fishing parks in several aspects. The fish in these waters are bred and fed by fish farmers to really bend your pole. No state license is required and since you pay by the pound, you can fill as many stringers as you want!

Most places will clean and ice your catch at a small fee or for free so you can enjoy a part of your vacation during your next meal at home. Many locations offer amenities such as use of fishing gear, bait and tackle, restaurants, lodging, and hiking trails; making fee fishing areas your one-stop vacation spot.

Wherever your vacation plans take you, be sure to visit Missouri's fee fishing areas. There's more fish than you can catch, and at most places catch is guaranteed.

Enjoy Missouri Aquaculture!



See inside for a description and a map of Missouri's fee fishing locations.

For more information on Fee Fishing in Missouri or Missouri Aquaculture, contact:

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Fee Fishing in Missouri





Information on Fee Fishing in Missouri



Crystal Springs Trout Farms, Inc. RR 3 Box 3337, Cassville MO 65625

"It's Fun to Catch 'Em". Operating for over 60 years, Crystal Springs Trout Farm, Inc. is located on the headwaters of a natural spring in Cassville, only 8 miles from Roaring River State Park. Rainbow trout are raised for stocking, sport fishing and table use; brown trout, a new addition, is also raised. We specialize in family trout fishing and encourage children of all ages to experience the joy of landing a trout at Crystal Springs Trout Farm. The stream area is geared towards youngsters, although all ages are encouraged. The pond trout are two pounds or larger for the fisherman looking for more of a challenge or for fly fishing.

Season: Open year round.

Fees: Tackle and bait are provided free of charge if needed and assistance is provided for anyone needing help. Catch is charged at \$3.75 per pound; cleaning and packing on ice is free. Custom filleting and skinning are available at an additional charge. Catch and release is not permitted. No limit and no license required.

Directions: From Hwy 37, exit on Bus. Hwy 37. Take Hwy Y and turn right on Partridge.

Phone: (417) 847-2174

Hidden Valley Lake 23438 Snowberry Dr., Lebanon MO 65536

We have a 15 acre lake and a ½ acre pond to relax and fish. In addition to catfish, you can also fill your stringer with bass and bluegill. We will dress your catfish for only 50¢ each

Season: We are open March to November, 7 am - 11 am, and on Sunday from 12:30 pm -

midnight.

Fees: Fishing is \$1.75 per day and there is no extra charge for bass and bluegill. Catfish are \$2.00 per pound if kept.

Directions: From Lebanon, take Hwy 32 east for 6½ miles. Go ½ mile north on Snowberry Drive.

I-70 & 13 Channel Catfish Farm RR 1 Box 139A, Higginsville MO 64037

Bob and Judy offer over 75 acres filled with 12 ponds and a 12 acre lake on which to fish.

Season: Open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons.

Fees: Permit fee is \$2.00; catch is \$1.75 per pound. No dressing is provided.

Directions: Located 9 miles east of Odessa and 9 miles west of Concordia. From I-70, take 13

Hwy south towards Warrensburg. Take the first right past the south outer road.

Phone: (660) 584-3268

Rainbow Run Trout Park, Inc. 2549 State Hwy O. Highlandville MO 65669

"Where You Really Catch 'Em!" Located in the Missouri Ozarks between Branson and Springfield, we offer trout fishing for the entire family. Tour packages are also available for groups to come and enjoy trout fishing or a specially catered trout meal.

Season: Open year round from 9 am to dusk.

Fees: Bring your own tackle, or use ours. Catch is \$3.95 per pound; cleaned and iced free of charge. A catch and release pool is offered for the more serious angler at \$30.00 per half day. No limit and license is required.

Directions: We are located 2½ miles west of Highlandville on Highway O. Only 20 minutes from Springfield, take Hwy 160 south, going west on Hwy O at Highlandville. From Branson, it's a 30 minute drive taking I-65 north to 160 west to Hwy O.

Phone: (417) 443-3400

Rainbow Trout Ranch and Gun Club PO Box 100, Rockbridge MO 65741

Rainbow frout Ranch and Gun Club is nestled in a valley peppered with beautiful and towering trees where deep in the valley lies the sparkling Spring Creek. Along the creek stands an old red mill and up from the mill is the general store, housing the restaurant and check-in services. We encourage you to plan a getaway at Rockbridge. In addition to fishing, we offer hiking trails, a swimming pool, and the Rockbridge Gun Club as well as lodging at one of our cabins.

Fees Peoplits are \$5.00 per day and catch is \$3.35 per pound; cleaning is free. No catch and release. Fly fishing is also available. No license or trout stamps required.

Directions: Located in the north central portion of Ozark county. From Route 95, take Hwy N to Rainbow Trout Ranch.

Phone: (417) 679-3619 www.rockbridgemo.com

SpringRise at Westover 100 WindRush Farm Ln., Cook Station MO 65449

Bordered on three sides by Mark Twain National Forest, many of Missouri's natural ecosystems are included within SpringRise's borders: forest and glade, meadows and fields, wetlands and fens, and a monstrous big spring. Much of the spring and its branches, and the surrounding wetlands are protected. Trout are stocked in the stream and its branches for catch and release fishing and our newly renovated Garden and Trout Stream and Dry Creek offer additional fishing opportunities. Visit the trout hatchery and rearing facilities. Throw a handful of feed into the raceways and watch the trout swirl

Fees: The stream and spring branches are open on a reservation basis on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The cost is \$30.00 per day.

Directions: Take I-44 to exit 208 (Cuba). Go south on Hwy 19 through Steelville. Go east on Hwy 8 for 4 miles. Go right on county road BB for 5 miles to the SpringRise gate.

Phone: (573) 743-6284 www.SpringRise.com

Spring Valley Trout Ranch RR 1 Box 115, Thornfield MO 657620

Spring Valley offers one mile of secluded rainbow trout fishing on a spring-fed stream deep within the Mark Twain National Forest. Daily stocking from our own raceways provides constant fishing action. Spring Valley's dining room offers a variety of home-cooked meals and our modern 22 unit motel provides you with clean, comfortable lodging. All facilities are within walking distance of Turkey Creek. Nature lovers will thoroughly enjoy the natural, serene beauty of the Ozarks. Situated on 235 wooded acres, Spring Valley is home for a multitude of wild animals and birds in their natural habitat. Come join us this year!

Fees: Catch is \$3.45 per pound; no catch and release. Catch and release fly fishing is also available. Instructions can also be arranged. One half day of fly fishing is \$35.00, full day is \$70.00. No limit and no license required.

Directions: From Springfield, take I-65 south to 160 east. From 160 east, take Hwy 5 north and go west on Hwy Z.

Phone: (417) 265-3699

Troutdale Ranch PO Box 68, Gravois Mills MO 65037

"Where Fishing is Catching!" Conveniently located in the Lake of the Ozarks, our trout are raised in pure Ozark spring water. In addition to fee fishing, we supply fresh or smoked trout off the farm and to customers within a 200-mile radius of Troutdale Ranch. We also ship express the same day processed.

Season: Open year round from 7:30am – 4:30pm; from November 1 to March 1. We are closed on Sundays.

Fees: The fishing fee 50¢ and catch is \$3.50 per pound. Equipment is provided if needed and the catch is guaranteed. There is no limit on catch and we will clean and pack in ice free of charge.

Directions: Take Hwy 5 to the town of Gravois Mills. In town, turn east on to Troutdale Lane.

Bear right at the "Y" and continue to the end.

Phone: (573) 372-6100

WindRush Farms Trout Stream 100 WindRush Farm Ln., Cook Station MO 65449

We are a family owned, family oriented, fishing resort located in the foothills of the Missouri Ozarks. Located on a private spring branch tributary of the upper Meramec River, we have almost two miles of stream available for fishing with a variety of pools, runs, and riffles. Lodging is provided with eight units in two 1840 refurbished log cabins and a more private single cabin about a mile up the valley from WindRush with a private two acre lake. We provide help on many levels from non-fishing moms with eight year old wannabe trout bums to those who want to fish a #20 dry.

Season: Our season runs from the third Sunday in February to the second Sunday in December. We are open six days a week from 7am to 6pm and closed on Tuesdays.

Fees: Catch and release fees are \$30.00 per day. Catch is charged at \$3.75 per pound, cleaned and packaged. Group rate for a daily midweek rental is \$500.00. The daily number of anglers is limited and reservations are recommended.

Directions: From St. Louis, take I-44 west to St. James and Hwy 68 east. Go 12 miles to NN and then four miles to the gravel road. From the gravel road, go two miles to WindRush.

Phone: (573) 743-6555 www.misn.com/WindRush